

## WYOMING STATE PAGE

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### **Interstate Compact on Juveniles (ICJ)**

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**Address Correspondence To:** Deputy Compact Administrator.

**ICPC Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time Zone.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ICPC Code Citation.** W.S. 1957 Secs. 14-5-101 to 14-5-108.

**Statutory Penalties Under Article IV.** Misdemeanor; Fine \$100 and/or confined in jail for 30 days. Each day of violation deemed a separate offense.

**Age of Majority.** 18 years. W.S. Sec. 8-18.1.

**Court Jurisdiction.** District Court handles children's and family affairs (W.S. Sec. 14-6-201 to 14-6-243.)

## **SPECIAL INVESTIGATION**

**Custody Investigations.** Send all requests for custody investigations to the Deputy Compact Administrator. DCA will likely refer to a private agency.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

**Reports.** Required every three months.

**Licensing Requirements.** Review by Division regarding safety of facilities (Fire, water, space, etc.), program, staff (training and medical). W.S. Sec. 14-4-101 to 14-4-111.

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## PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful.

Adoption Petitions. Adoption petitioner must be a resident of state for at least 60 days. Minimum time between filing of petition for adoption and final decree-six months. Petition may be filed at time of placement. W.S. Sec. 1-22-101 to 1-22-115 (as amended).

Residential Placements.

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Out-of-state placement requires approval.

-Approval of Facilities: Residential care providers are licensed by the Wyoming Department of Family Services.

-Requirements for Foster Care Placements: Incoming foster care homes with a placement require ICPC approval. Sending agency shall continue payment of foster care. Foster care homes will be reviewed and approved.

## PAYMENTS

AFDC Payments. Relatives caring for child under ICPC approval may apply for AFDC assistance.

Medicaid Payments. Children remain eligible for payment of medical services when placed by Wyoming into another state through the ICPC, with legal custody remaining with Wyoming. If child is IV-E eligible, receiving state will provide Medicaid benefits pursuant to COBRA. Child from sending state who is IV-E eligible will receive Wyoming Medicaid benefits pursuant to COBRA.

Foster Care Payments. Wyoming foster care rates are generally paid when a Wyoming foster child moves out of state or is placed in a foster family in another state. Children from a sending state are not eligible for foster care payments from Wyoming.

Special Education Services. Wyoming State Department of Education determines eligibility.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Abuse and Neglect Central Registry. Richard Robb (307) 777-7150; Kathy Garcia (307) 777-5894.